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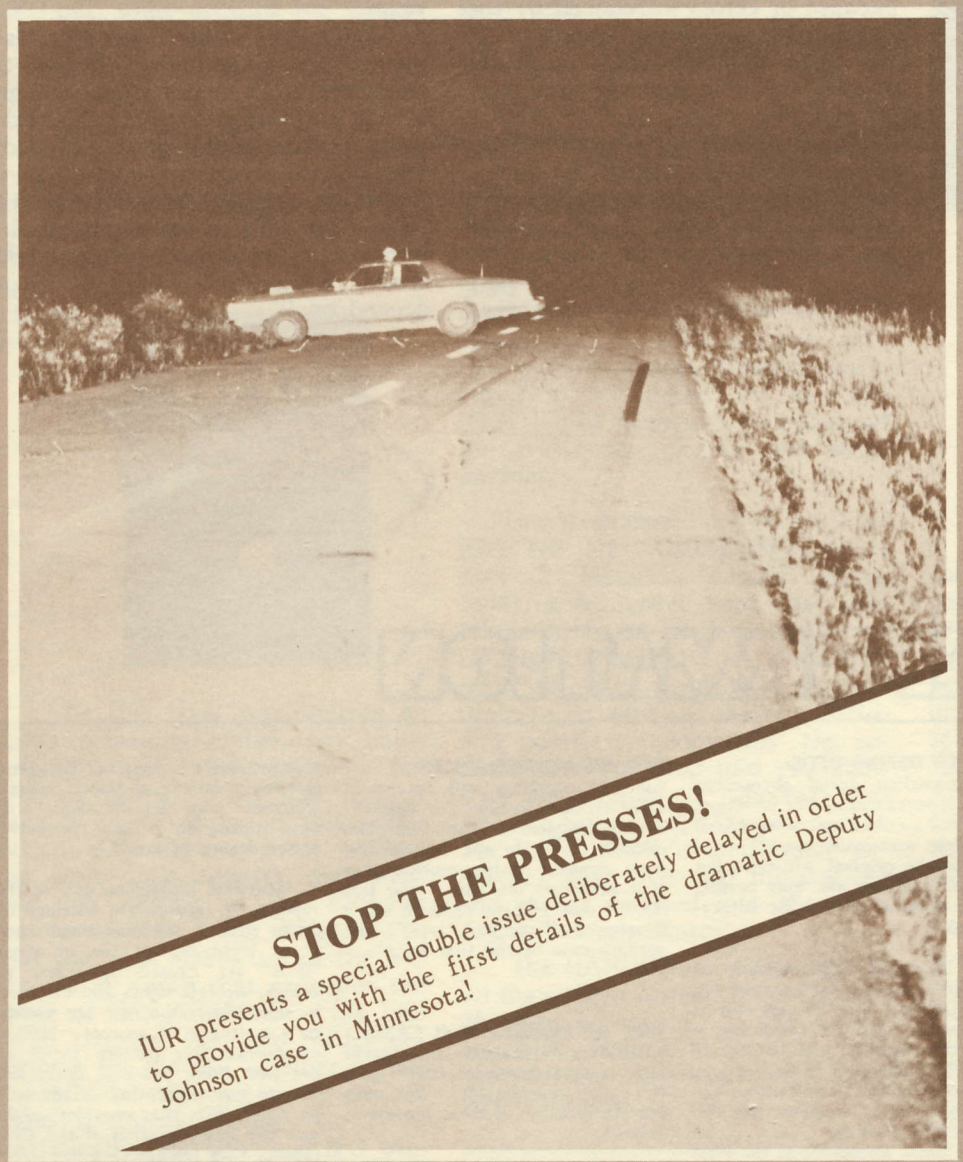

STOP THE PRESSES!

IUR presents a special double issue deliberately delayed in order to provide you with the first details of the dramatic Deputy Johnson case in Minnesota!

- **DEPUTY SHERIFF KNOCKED OUT IN UFO COLLISION: Sheriff Calls in IUR To Study Lasting Physical Effects**
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A MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

OUR COVER PHOTO: Dep. Val Johnson "collides" with a mysterious blinding light and skids across deserted Highway 220. Details inside.

EDITORIAL

With this issue, the Reporter comes to you in a striking new format which makes for easier reading. We confidently expect that you will welcome this more open, inviting presentation.

We have introduced other changes at the same time to overcome the recent problems we have had in getting IUR out as quickly as possible. Too many of our 6000 subscribers have been missing issues because of errors introduced by the computer service we employ. So we have dropped them and are tending to this tedious task ourselves. Our mailing service used to average two days to get the job done; it now takes them ten days... we're doing this job ourselves now as well. But there is one service we can't take over: Mr. Zip and his boys. A little surveying on our part showed that the last issue averaged three weeks to arrive in the mail second class (which "enjoys" the same privileges as first class). The Evanston post office claims to have expedited their role in hours. We are asking the local postmaster to ride herd on this issue and are hoping for the best!

One last change, unfortunately... inflation has taken its toll on us as it has everyone else. Effective immediately, the new subscription price is $15 per year, $26 for two years.

Changes aside, our editorial standards remain high. The UFO phenomenon is sensational enough by its very nature; no further editorial sensationalizing is needed. The Reporter will continue to give the facts and to be addressed to those who wish to have responsible information about the current UFO scene. If you read it here, you can depend on it.

J. Allen Hynek

BASIC INFORMATION

A MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

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HOW WE LEARN OF UFOS:
UFO reports reach us from news departments, civilian organizations and individuals all over the world, but most of our reports stem from the Center for UFO Studies' UFO Hotline. This is a 24-hour, toll-free telephone service for the exclusive use of U.S. law enforcement agencies, FAA facilities, planetaria and other formal channels. It gives us the chance to follow up important cases rapidly for first-hand information with unlimited long-distance capability. Other advantages include:

- pre-screening of practical joke calls,
- immediate summarized descriptions for every sighting, and
- the encouragement of police UFO witnesses to call in.

HOW WE DEFINE UFOS:
Any anomalous aerial phenomena whose appearances and/or behaviors can't be ascribed to conventional natural or man-made sources - not only for the original witnesses but also for analysts who may possess technical qualifications the witnesses lack.

NL - Nocturnal Light: distant anomalous light seen in the night sky.
DD - Daylight Disc: distant objects seen under daylight conditions - often disc-shaped.
RV - Radar/Visual: UFOs seen by radar and vision simultaneously - good agreement between the two accounts is essential.
CE I - Close Encounter of the First Kind: UFO seen within 500 feet.
CE II - Close Encounter of the Second Kind: CE I's that influence the environment - includes physical traces, physiological effects and electromagnetic (EM) interferences
CE III - Close Encounter of the Third Kind: CE I or II associated with creatures, humanoids or robots ("UFOnauts").

HOW WE NUMBER CASES:
All UFO sightings will receive a three-element number for identification purposes. The first two numbers refer to the volume and issue number of the edition that first describes the case. The last number refers to the order in which it arrived (Example: "1-1-7", the seventh case of the first issue).

HOW WE PRESENT OUR CASES:
IUR learns of almost 100 current U.S. cases each month (this figure fluctuates considerably). We order our presentation of these reports as follows:

1- UFO of High Merit:
Such a case represents a balance of high "strangeness" with a strong probability that it took place as described. As such, it receives our closest attention and followup.

2- UFOs of Limited Merit:
These cases are of intermediate stature. They are UFOs in the sense that we don't know what they are, but for a variety of stated reasons (distance, poor details, single witness status, etc.), they warrant a lesser degree of scrutiny.

3- Identified Highlights: 90% of the reports we receive are ascribed by us to natural and man-made sources. Eight out of ten of these "IFOs" are caused by stars, ad planes, aircraft lights and meteors, in that order; the rest are caused by a multitude of sources. Having established this pattern firmly in our first three years of operation, we are now presenting details only on those IFOs that provide insight into the interpretation of the UFO reports that remain.

Of course, all three of these categories may not be present in each issue. We provide details for cases on a mid-month to mid-month basis because we want to present the UFO reports as "news" as fast as possible. For a chronological sequence, refer to our "Profile" maps in the back of the issue.

FOR THE RECORD

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear IUR,

I would like to comment about one of your comments about case #3-11-123 in the July '79 issue. I, too, have a Kodak 110 camera, and though I've been using it for years, due to its small size the camera can be accidently "moved" while snapping a picture. The student may have had it centered on the UFO but, while pressing the shutter release, jerked the camera off the original target. However, the UFO appears so small that I don't know how he could compare it to the "shuttle craft" on "Star Trek".

Keep up the good work.

WALT JOHNSON
Minneapolis, MN

Dear IUR,

In my humble opinion, your publication is the reference point from which all other serious UFO-related publications should take notice. Your efforts have helped to bring credibility to an issue that has too long been written off as "imagination". I wish you well in all your future efforts.

JOHN CORREGAN
Parlin, NJ

BOOK REVIEW

THE UFO HANDBOOK
by Allan Hendry
Doubleday/Dolphin
1979
224 pp.
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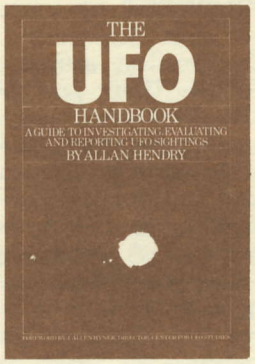

As this book was written by IUR's managing editor, any value judgment here would be sheer hubris, of course. Yet IUR readers have a bigger stake in this publication than anyone, as it utilizes the first 1300 reports that went into the making of the first 15 months of IUR. The difference is that the book makes use of the IFO reports in a way that exceeded the scope of this newsletter. Six pictorial chapters help the reader determine for himself whether or not a particular sighting could be ascribed to prosaic phenomena. Then, statistically, the UFO and IFO witnesses are shown to be demographically similar as groups, allowing us to use the IFO witnesses as a control group to explore such uncharted regions as UFO witness reliability, current popular theories, and corroborative evidence. Twelve alphabetically-ordered chapters assess the effectiveness of such features as animal reactions, hypnosis, lie detectors, photographic analysis, radar (all three systems) and statistics. The conclusion will be appreciated by IUR readers, certainly: UFO reports promise much, but new techniques for studying them will be necessary to transcend the frustration of the last three decades.

This book should not be confused with THE UFO GUIDEBOOK (Briazack & Mennick, Citadel Press, 1978), a hardcover book that professes to be an A-Z dictionary of UFOlogical terms. In truth, the majority of the words have precious little to do with the subject, including pointless "neologisms" the authors have made up (did you know that an "aconin" is "another conscious intelligence? Do you care?). The HANDBOOK is an oversize paperback with over 200 illustrations and photos married into the text. Accept no substitutes!

The HANDBOOK is available at all major bookstores. It can also be obtained by writing to the Center for UFO Studies Information Services, 1609 Sherman Ave., Suite 207, Evanston, IL 60201.

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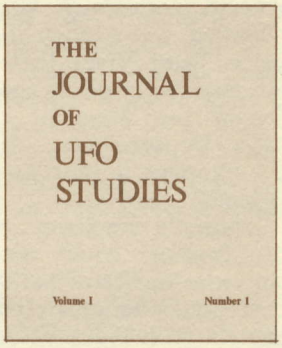

There has been a long-felt need for a refereed, scientific UFO journal. To be sure, publications like IUR are covering individual sightings and UFO news from the standpoint of investigative journalism, but not in a formal, more thematic, scientific format. In the Sturrock Survey of 1,356 members of the American Astronomical Society, 92% of the respondents indicated that they would prefer to obtain UFO information in the form of scientific journals; all other forms (including books, lectures, and symposia) fell far short of this percentage. Paradoxically, the current journals won't touch anything UFO-related. There was a time when they did. William Corliss's "Sourcebook Project", a compilation of UFO and Fortean events, draws heavily from scientific publications, but they are dated primarily from the nineteenth century! The answer is obvious, then: create a new journal devoted to the subject, and JUS (affectionately pronounced "juice") is definitively that journal. Over

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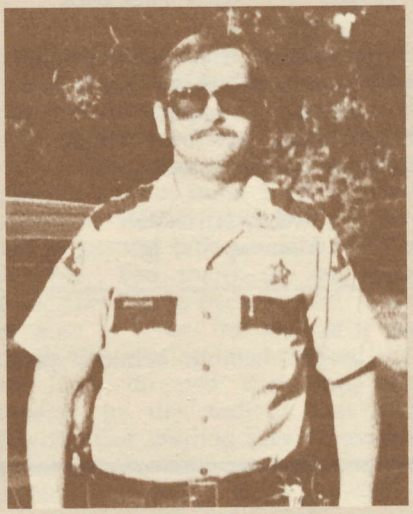
U.S. SIGHTINGS

VAL JOHNSON: A PERSONAL PROFILE



There is only one witness in this case, but everything we have learned about Dep. Val Johnson bespeaks a man of personal integrity and fastidious professionalism. Johnson, 35, has been a resident of Marshall County for about four years to date. He is married and the father of three children. Johnson was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and was adopted at seven months. He grew up in Grantsburg, Wisconsin and worked as a tool and die maker in Thief River Falls, Minnesota until 2-1/2 years ago when he joined the Marshall County Sheriff's Department. He has served for over a year now as a field deputy sheriff.

Johnson's employer, Sheriff Dennis Brekke, could not have spoken more highly of his deputy. He expressed confidence that the experience took place as Johnson described it: "What he's seen, he's seen. None of us are trained to explain things we're not used to seeing." He described his deputy to IUR's Allan Hendry as "highly intelligent" and "nobody's alcoholic" or drug user. Chief Deputy Everett Doolittle echoed these sentiments, observing that his fellow deputy is almost "annoyingly" fussy about his time and logkeeping. Indeed, the entire department seemed refreshingly supportive of and sympathetic to him following his harrowing experience.

Does Val Johnson seem like the type of person who would hoax an incident like this? Spending time with him gives one a sense of confidence that he is earnestly baffled by the event, and truly has no preconceived ideas or "theories" to proffer about the incident.

Prior to this first sighting of his life, he was rather indifferent to the whole subject. Johnson strikes one as being a soft-spoken but articulate individual, in no way flamboyant or in search of attention. The only reason he gained personal publicity from the event was that Sheriff Brekke had thrown a press conference for the local papers. This was done to suppress the rumors that had spread successfully through the small town of Warren, where the sheriff's department is headquartered. One rumor had it that Johnson's car had blown up; another asserted that he had broken his arm. "To be perfectly honest," Sheriff Brekke admitted, "if the only people who knew about it were in our department, we wouldn't have told anybody except the UFO reporting service. We just have to hope that we don't come off sounding like we're all nuts. I know Val, and if he said it happened, it happened."

When a local paper and a radio station both put the story on the A.P. newswires, it became celebrated nationwide starting on Aug. 30. Yet Johnson is shunning the chance to exploit his newfound opportunities. When the deputy appeared two weeks later on ABC-TV's "Good Morning, America" show with Allan Hendry, he vowed to him that it would be his last interview. Faced with the chance to tour New York City with his wife for the first time after the show, he chose to head back to the airport for a flight that wouldn't leave for seven hours. The reason: "Large cities make me uncomfortable."

UFO of High Merit

MINNESOTA CEII: THE VAL JOHNSON STORY

Ordinarily, IUR would not present the details of a UFO case that occurred beyond the 14th of the previous month. This is our normal cutoff to allow time for printing and mailing. But we were willing to "hold the presses" to present you with the initial details of the most dramatic case of the year... the story of Val Johnson's Close Encounter of the Second Kind in northern Minnesota, investigated immediately and personally by I-UR's Allan Hendry.

ENVIRONMENT

DATE: Monday, August 27, 1979
STARTING TIME: 1:40 AM
PLACE: Marshall County, Minnesota, near Highway 220 & County Rd 5 - about 10 miles west of Stephen, MN and 22 miles NW of Warren, the location of the county sheriff's department. A rural, agricultural area with flat terrain on both sides of the highway and no buildings or residences. There are no trees or obstructions on either side of the road for 2-1/2 miles south of the intersection. No traffic was noted for the duration of the entire incident. There is a perfectly unobstructed view of the entire area from the intersection.

WEATHER

Dep. Johnson said that the night sky was clear. The wind was calm and the temperature seemed to be about 50°.

The closest weather facility was at Grand Forks, North Dakota, about 40 miles away from the scene. They recorded these figures for 1:50 AM:

- Temperature: 57°
- Dew point: 55° (thus, the relative humidity was very high)
- Scattered clouds at 6000 and 10,000 feet; visibility was 20 miles
- Winds were from the WSW (240°) at 7 knots.

APPEARANCE

The single witness status of this case is a noteworthy drawback, of course, but the poor definition of the presumed UFO is yet another. At a distance of two miles or so, the deputy could only resolve a white light source with the brilliance and "size" of an aircraft landing light. When it seemingly rushed at his car, however, all that could be perceived was a blinding glare across the windshield that illuminated the interior of the car like daylight.

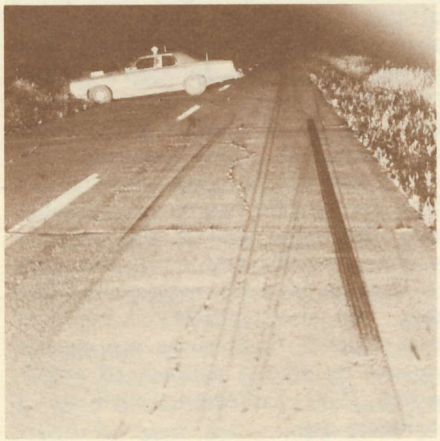
MOTION

Val Johnson was driving westbound on County 5 away from Stephen when he first caught sight of the light source through his side window to the south of him. The light appeared to be perched amongst a stand of trees which Johnson knew to be 2-1/2 miles away on Highway 220 (which he was rapidly approaching). It was not as high as the treetops themselves, but it had to be at least several feet above the pavement since the deputy had to look over a field of sunflowers between his car and the trees. As he drove toward the intersection of the county road and the highway, the motion of his car permitted him to "triangulate" the distance of the light, which did indeed appear to be the same as the stand of trees. Yet a car or truck headlight at that distance wouldn't have appeared so bright, he mused, so it had to be a downed aircraft. The sheriff's department had had previous experience with the smuggling of drugs by plane from the nearby Canadian border before, so Johnson decided to turn left (southbound) on Highway 220 and head straight for it.

Since this was a routine investigation, Johnson decided not to radio in until he knew what the light really was. It was now 1:40 in the morning, a time he estimated from his 1:30 departure from Stephen. He hit the accelerator and brought the '77 Ford LTD patrol car up to 65 mph. The light source continued to look motionless in the distant stand of trees; yet even as he drew closer, the light did not appear to be illuminating the area or casting shadows.

This went on for a duration of about one minute. The deputy had driven just over one mile south on 220 (alongside of milepost "68") when the light seemed to "greatly accelerate" toward his windshield, covering the remaining estimated 1-1/2 miles in an instant! Deputy Johnson heard no sound from the light source itself, and perceived it as only a blinding glare of light, but the last thing he does recall before losing consciousness was the sound of glass breaking.

When Johnson opened his eyes again, the first thing he saw was the red "ENGINE" light on the dashboard, heralding the fact that his engine had stalled out. The patrol car had skidded sideways to a stop across the northbound lane of the highway, facing east, the front tires just touching the gravel shoulder. His head was leaning against the steering wheel and his hands were draped down below his knees. Furthermore, his eyes hurt and he couldn't see well, so he grabbed the microphone and radioed in for assistance.



The official police report contains a transcript of the tape recorded conversation between Dep. Johnson and the radio dispatcher, Peter Bauer. The exact time of this conversation is known to be 2:19 AM. Johnson is noted by his number, #407. The dispatcher is #400:

Johnson: "407, 400..."
Dispatcher: "Go ahead, 407."
Johnson: "10-88... 220, 5." (Officer needs assistance, location of the intersection - Ed.)
Dispatcher: "10-4, (I'll) get someone out there right away."

In listening to the tape of the deputy's voice, one can hear the shakiness of his speech and the poor transmission quality from his radio. The reason for the latter would become clear shortly. Deputy Greg Winskowski was dispatched to assist at 2:21 AM.

Dispatcher: "407, what's the problem?"
Johnson: "I don't know. Something just hit my car. I don't know how to explain it. Strange..."
Dispatcher: "Is the car damaged, is it in the ditch, or what?"
Johnson: "No, I'm upright. Something attacked my car. I heard glass breaking and my brakes lock up and I don't know what the hell happened."

At this time, the dispatcher also called in Dep. Everett Doolittle.

Dispatcher: "407, 400."
Johnson: "407, go ahead."
Dispatcher: "Are you all right?"
Johnson: "Yeah, I think so. I can't see very well, but I don't think I'm leaking any blood anywhere."
Dispatcher: "Just wondering if you need an ambulance out there."
Johnson: "I don't think so..."
Dispatcher: "Yeah, Greg should be there in a couple minutes."

Indeed, Dep. Winskowski was the first to arrive at the scene. When he opened the door of the deputy's car, Val Johnson started to shiver from the cold. Winskowski noticed a red bump on Johnson's forehead; he had not been wearing a seat belt so it was assumed that Johnson had hit his head against the steering wheel and was knocked out. When the ambulance arrived, the driver felt that the deputy was in a mild state of shock. He was rushed to the hospital in Warren where he was examined by a Dr. W. A. Pinsonneault about 4 AM. Since no one had informed the doctor about Johnson's apparent unconsciousness, he only concentrated on the deputy's eye problem. Apparently, the red bump on Johnson's forehead was not particularly conspicuous by 4 in

the morning. This raises the troubling question of whether or not the bump was simply caused by leaning against the steering wheel for 40 minutes. Also, X-rays showed no broken bones. Dr. Pinsonneault told Allan Hendry that his examination of Val Johnson's pained eyes revealed a pinkish irritation across the surface of both. There was normal pupil functioning; he couldn't get more than a quick glimpse at Johnson's retinas because the light of his probe hurt the deputy too much, but he indicated that they looked OK. His conclusion: "mild welding burns" ("I've seen worse," he said). The doctor put salve in his eyes and bandages. After making a statement on tape at 5 AM at the sheriff's office, the beleaguered deputy was allowed to go home and sleep.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Dennis Brekke had driven the car back to the department's garage. Six selective items of damage were observed, primarily on the driver's side of the car:

- One headlight was smashed to pieces
- A small circular dent was hammered into the upper hood
- The windshield was shattered in front of the steering wheel
- A red plastic filter was punctured and dislodged from its lamp housing
- A whip antenna on the roof was bent backward low at the base
- A similar whip antenna on the trunk had its upper portion bent back at a right angle.

For further details see the "Lasting Evidence" photograph section.

The most unusual discovery of all, however, involved the deputy's two timepieces. It was called to Johnson's attention at the 5 AM discussion that his watch was running 14 minutes slow. This probably doesn't seem unusual in itself to someone outside of a profession like law enforcement where a conflict over correct time can spoil the outcome of, say, a court case. When the deputy's car was checked, his dashboard clock was also running behind the dispatcher's time... exactly 14 minutes. Johnson indicated that he had set both of these timepieces when he came on duty at 1900 hours exactly (7 PM) the evening before. The best skeptical argument, of course, is that he simply set them both wrong at 7 PM (as unlikely as that seems, given the exact hour). An examination of the written log that Johnson kept in his car for that night, however, reveals that all his recorded times for events in common to the radio dispatcher's log agree to the minute... prior to the UFO incident. Hendry asked Johnson if he didn't simply listen to the times announced by the dispatcher over his police radio and write those down; "no," he said, he was referring to his own timepieces. So as bizarre as this aspect of the case may seem, it appears to be a bona fide aspect of the encounter.

At 11 AM, the sheriff drove Dep. Johnson to an ophthalmologist in Grand Forks, North Dakota, for a more comprehensive eye examination. When Dr. Leonard Prochaska removed the bandages from the officer's eyes at 11:45 AM, he observed that the irritation had cleared up. Also, Johnson's retinas could be examined without discomfort, and no permanent burns could be discovered. This eye specialist was aware of the conclusions of the first doctor who examined Val Johnson; he noted that it was entirely possible for the tissues of the eyes to heal up in a ten-hour period like this. He also contributed the fact that corneal flash burns are usually caused by strong sources of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, such as a welder's arc.

IUR FOLLOWUP

Sheriff Brekke phoned in word of the sighting on the Center for UFO Studies' toll-free hotline on the day the incident occurred. IUR's Allan Hendry immediately called the nearest FAA facility at Grand Forks, North Dakota; the Air Traffic Control (which is closed from 10 PM until 6 AM) was not aware of any accidents or unusual "traffic" for 1:40 that morning. Similar calls to the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Minneapolis as well as the relevant Flight Service Station and General Aviation District Office yielded the same results. The Air Force base at Grand Forks denied knowledge of - or involvement in - the early morning affair. None of this disproves the role of, say, a low-flying aircraft in the incident, but this kind of survey is always necessary in an important case.

Hendry flew to Warren, Minnesota the following day and met with the personnel of the Marshall County Sheriff's Department. Prior to his arrival, the sheriff and his men has already carefully scoured the road where the incident occurred. The shattered pieces of headlight glass were found on the highway right next to a milepost ("68") sign. This, then, is apparently the location of the "collision" - slightly more than a mile south of the intersection of county road "5". The car then travelled about 855 feet before the dark skid marks in the pavement indicate where Johnson's brakes locked up. The skid marks extend for another 99 feet, straight down the highway, before they curve out to the east across the northbound lane. The sheriff tried an experiment with another car, driving at a speed similar to Val Johnson's until he reached the milepost; then he took his foot of the pedal and watched to see what his speed would be where the skid marks start. It was still 48 m.p.h.

The sheriff also went over the area with a Geiger counter, but found no readings higher than the usual background count. Hendry also used his own survey meter on the damaged car, with no positive results. Val Johnson, Allan Hendry and other deputies retraced the route used all the way down to the stand of trees where the UFO was originally suspected to be located; nothing unusual could be found. While in that vicinity, the deputies kept an eye out for the intermittent tracks left by a landing aircraft, without success.

The broken pieces of glass were carefully gathered, but no trace of any other material could be loca-

ted. A large, irregularly shaped area of poor plant growth was found about 60 feet east of the point where the car came to a stop. The patch appears to be simply an unrelated fertilizer burn-out, but soil samples taken from the area should support or defeat that preliminary conclusion.

What are the chances that something commonplace could account for this bizarre event? One of the newspaper editors offered the most popular theory:

PLANE NEAR-COLLISION:
According to this scheme, the propwash of the plane kicks up gravel from the sides of the road (which is plentiful) which produces the selective glass damage as well as the downward dent on the hood. To bend the antennas backward, the propellor hits them.

To be sure, a quick check of the yellow pages shows that are over a dozen cropdusting firms in the area, and there have been drug smugglers in the past using planes at night. The problems with this explanation are manifold, however:

- The cropdusters don't operate at night.
- The bend in the first antenna is so low (assuming that a prop wouldn't chop it off in the first place) that the almost equally high bubble light right in front of the antenna should have been taken out by the propellor, fuselage or landing gear (not to mention the windshield frame). It's unscathed. The small light next to it has its filter jarred and punctured in the middle, but the housing is again untouched.
- The plane hypothesis doesn't account for the eye damage or the timepiece delays. It also doesn't conform to the silent, instantaneous acceleration portrayed by the witness.

HOAX:
Val Johnson could have been able to hoax the damage, of course, but:

- How and why would he risk hurting his two eyes?
- Besides, the hoax theory simply doesn't conform to Johnson's subsequent behavior, the way his associates have all described him, or even the impression gained of the man over a 3-day period by IUR's investigator.

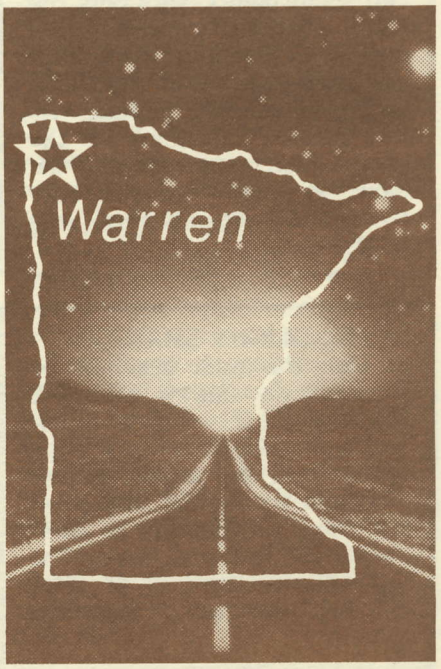
Indeed, at this point in the investigation, just about any hypothesis imaginable fails to account for all of the observations involved. In part two of this article next issue, IUR will present the results of one of the most exhaustive battery of tests ever applied to a physical a case. Perhaps a firmer solution can be established after the following inquiries have been compiled:

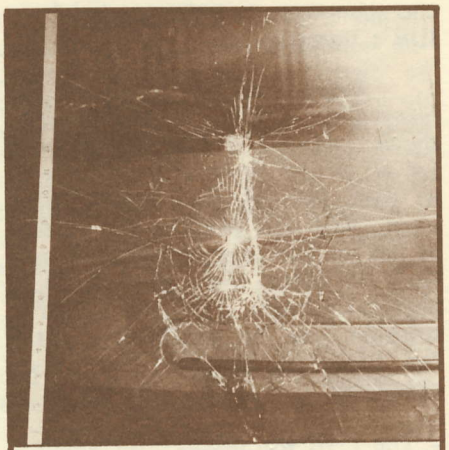
- The FAA will produce a computer printout of all radar targets seen above a minimum altitude over Marshall County from 1:30 to 2:30 AM.
- A materials testing lab in Minnesota will examine the bends in the antennas and search them and the broken glass for foreign matter to be analyzed. What is the character of the metal at the bends? Are there microscopic marks on the surface? Are there traces of magnetism or radiation? Did heat or force deform the metal?
- The body of Johnson's car will be magnetically mapped as will a similar car for comparison purposes. Was the wind-up watch affected by a magnetic field?
- The Ford Motor Company will secure information for us on the windshield and clock. Does the windshield glass & vinyl permit ultraviolet rays to pass through? How well? Does the electric clock require a constant drive? Also, a windshield expert will examine our photos of the fracture pattern to speculate on the cause of damage. Paint samples will be sent for comparative analysis.
- Another research firm in Minnesota will do aerial photography of the terrain involved in the infrared. Did the radiant source that flew over the road affect the vegetation on either side? This procedure will check for changes in the amount of chlorophyll-A present in the plants. The firm will also photograph the car under ultra-violet light.
- Ophthalmologists will work with the medical reports and windshield and eyeglass information to establish a lower limit for the brightness and type of light involved.
- We will check with the Timex corporation for any EM compatibility tests performed on this model watch, if any.

Also in part two, we will examine a rash of seemingly related reports of balls of light "attacking" automobiles in the upper Midwest.

EPILOGUE: PRESS COVERAGE

IUR has seen some excellent examples of media coverage of this case, which is always gratifying. There are always exceptions, however. To anyone who had the misfortune to read the National Star tabloid newspaper of October 2, be it known that Dr. Hynek was not interviewed about a link between this case and any cattle mutilations. Furthermore, Allan Hendry would never have claimed that this was the "first time a UFO had actually made physical contact with something"... even in his sleep. The actual assessment made by Hendry to the press was that "this was the most striking and dramatic encounter reported to the Center for UFO Studies from the U.S. this year", NOT "ever" as still other sources distorted it.





[3] CRACKED WINDSHIELD

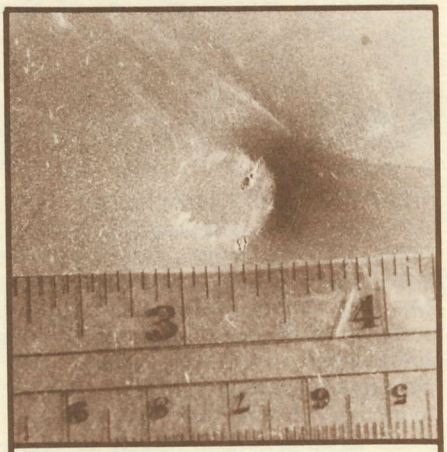
The windshield remains intact but is cracked from top to bottom on the driver's side. Note what appears to be a total of 4 actual impact points, as if a cluster of objects, like stones, did the damage, leaving the body untouched. This is situated 6 feet behind the front edge of the car.

[4] CLOCK DELAYED

This is a standard issue Ford dashboard clock, circa 1977, driven directly by electrical power. If the line to the battery were cut, the clock would stop immediately. The evidence indicates that it was set correctly at 7PM, hours before the incident, yet it was discovered to be 14 minutes late after the accident.

[5] BROKEN LAMP COVER

The red plastic lens covering the roof light on the driver's side (2nd from the left) shows a triangular puncture, and the lens was dislodged from the housing. Neither the missing piece of plastic nor any foreign debris could be found trapped inside the lamp housing. There is no apparent damage to the housing itself.

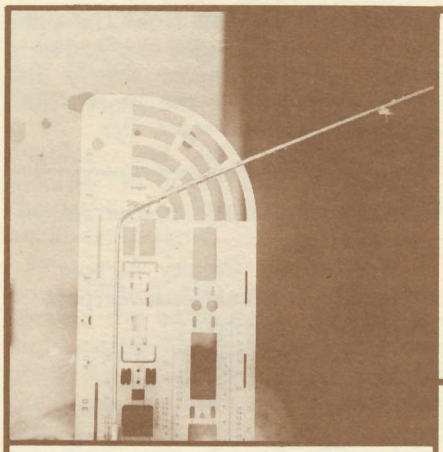


[2] DENT

This circular dent is 1/2" wide and 3/32" deep. The paint shows abrasions only at two small points, with only the metal beneath revealed. This dent is located 4' 4" back from the headlight. The hood is 3' 1" high above the ground. As the "creases" in the rear of the dent reveal, the pressure of the blow was delivered primarily downward and toward the windshield.

[1] HEADLIGHT SMASHED

Only the inside headlight on the driver's side is affected. The one on the outside is unscathed. There is an 8" distance from the center of the headlight to the top surface of the hood, yet there is no damage to the bodywork here. The light is positioned 1' 6" from the left side, 2' 4" from the ground.



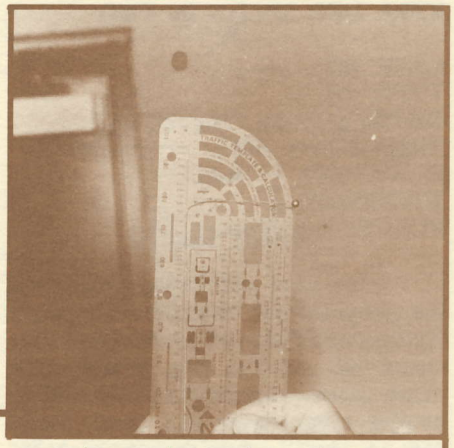
the shaft has been bent over at a 60° angle starting 5-1/2" above the spring. Insect matter can be seen still clinging to the metal (though the shaft is coated quite tenaciously with this tissue material). Oddest of all, the large "bubble" lamp is just inches in front of the antenna, and is virtually the same height as the location of the bend, but it is unscathed.

[6] ROOF ANTENNA BENT

This is an Antenna Specialists, Inc. 3-foot antenna, consisting of a single solid metal rod which is very springy and resilient. If you grab the antenna and bend it, it simply arches over and snaps back again. The rod varies in thickness, and is thinnest at the top. The entire structure is mounted on a spring-loaded base. Yet, as the protractor reveals,

[7] TRUNK ANTENNA BENT

This antenna is identical to the rooftop model described previously. The bend this time is sharper still - 90° - and involves only the upper 3-1/2" of the shaft. Notice the rising angle of incidence from the first bend to the second one; with a 4' 7" separation between antennas (horizontally) and an 18" rise in the 2nd bend, this results in an 18° angle from front to back. This second antenna is for a CB radio. Note that there was no damage



to the car's regular telescopic antenna on the front hood. All the damage favored the driver's side of the car. The rear antenna, 2' 11" from the left side of the car, is the closest the damage got to the car's centerline.

[8] EYES BURNED

Johnson's eyes hurt as soon as he regained consciousness. Examination by a doctor two hours later showed redness across the surface of both eyes (conjunctivitis). The deputy was also too sensitive to light to allow an examination of his retinas. The doctor concluded that his condition was consistent with "mild welder's burns" and bandaged his eyes. Ten hours after the accident, an ophthalmologist declared his eyes to be virtually recovered. No retinal burns were found.

Patrol Vehicle 407
1977 Ford LTD
460 in3 V-8
F7P63C156365F

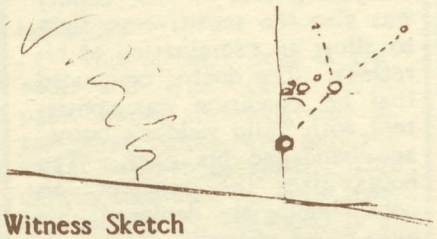
[9] WATCH DELAYED

Dep. Johnson wore a Timex mechanical (wind-up) wristwatch. The model number is 165601 with a calendar window and a sweep second hand, a base metal bezel and stainless steel back (retail: $16.95). While the watch is not antimagnetic, it is hard to understand why, like the dashboard clock, it was also delayed by 14 minutes. Yet, like the clock, it is now functioning purchased in May or June of this year.

IOWA UFO SPLITS IN TWO

CASE NO.: 4-3-4
TYPE: NL
DATE: 7-17-79
TIME: 6-6:15 AM
DURATION: 5+ min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Des Moines, IA

A 41-year old lithographer and his 33-year old realtor wife were fixing breakfast at their home located NE of the city limits in a rural area. Looking out a window at the clear dawn sky, the couple saw a small, opalescent circular light source, larger than a star, about 45° up in the NE. The object hovered silently for 5 minutes. As they stared out over the cornfields, the witnesses wondered if it could have been a weather balloon, reflecting the sunlight. "No," they thought, they had seen them before and this was different somehow. It started moving upward at a 70° angle, slowly. Then the clincher occurred: it broke into 2 smaller "opals" which shot out of sight at a faster rate than before into the distance (see drawing).

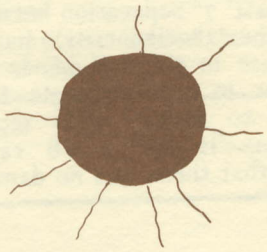


Witness Sketch

INDEPENDENT WITNESSES IN CONNECTICUT

CASE NO.: 4-3-18
TYPE: NL
DATE: 7-27-79
TIME: 11:10 PM
DURATION: 9 min.
WITNESSES: 5+1+4 (independently)
PLACE: Stamford, CT

Sales representative Gary Hull, 28, was eating a late dinner on the front patio of his wife's in-laws when he spotted a light in the NW. He called it to the attention of his wife, Kathleen, 28, his wife's parents (the Callows) and Janet Callow. Moving southbound across the sky at treetop level, the light appeared to be an orange ball about 1/4 to 1/2 the apparent size of the moon. Its speed was similar to that of a plane, but no sound could be heard. The color of the light altered from cherry red to hot glowing orange. After 5 minutes of motion into the SW sky, it stopped and hovered. Four or five white flashes erupted from the right side followed by 4-5 faint sounds like firecrackers. As he stood watching this from the end of the driveway, Gary Hull called the other witnesses to come and see it. When they arrived, the light had moved north again and was now oriented due west. At 11:19, a commercial jet flying NE to SW flew over the house and under the UFO. The UFO accelerated almost straight up in 5-10 seconds, diminishing to the size of a pinpoint.



Witness Sketch

Meanwhile, 3.5 miles to the north of the Hulls and Callows, Peter Cavanaugh and three guests independently called in their sighting of a similarly-sized red light which would be bright for 3-5 seconds and dim for one second. This went on for about 5 minutes in total silence when the light abruptly extinguished. It turned bright white and slowly diminished in size, flashing all the while, for 20 seconds and disappeared. The sighting took place in the NE sky. Just prior to this, a jet was seen (and heard) and the witnesses were surprised that they couldn't hear the larger-looking light source. The exact time of this sighting is not known with certainty but they telephoned the police at the same time as the Hulls.

Also, a few miles west of the Hulls, a Mr. Housein Naraghi saw a large flashing red light to the north of his house. He, too, witnessed and heard what appeared to be 3-4 firecrackers ejected from the light source. Then the light changed to a steady white, dimmed slowly and moved slowly to the north and disappeared.

Inquiries were made to the following agencies:

- Westchester County Airport
- Bradley International Airport
- Bridgeport Airport
- Tweed New Haven Airport
- Maquire Air Force Base

by the police and field investigator Lawrence Fawcett, but nothing useful was learned. The described behavior is different from the usual parachute flares, and besides, residential Stamford is not a gunnery range. If it's a hoax, it's at least as unusual as the Belton, MO case from last year.

COP RIDICULED FOR NL SIGHTING IN NEW YORK

CASE NO.: 4-3- 29
TYPE: NL - EM
DATE: 8-1-79
TIME: 1:35 AM
DURATION: 14 min.
WITNESSES: 2+
PLACE: Lewisboro, NY

Considerable UPI and TV attention was paid to patrol officer William Shaughnessy, 28, with the Westchester County PD when he reported seeing the same apparent ball of light phoned in by a half dozen citizens that night. The officer was located at the Ward Pond Ridge Reservation, a rural mountainous area, when he spotted the dull white ball going SE over his car directly in front of him. The light source was not perfectly circular and was somewhat smaller in angular size than the moon; he guessed it to be larger than his car in real size and 600-800 feet up. No noise could be heard. He watched the light stop at a point over the treetops, make a complete right turn and disappear beyond the trees to the west. Total duration: 70 seconds. Twelve minutes elapsed and the ball of light came flying back from the same direction, going east now. It hovered in the west, then shot quickly above

his car, went north and was gone faster than the officer could get out of his car to see it. Total duration of second event: 45 seconds. All turns were "extremely angular" and accompanied by an increase in brightness. Otherwise, the light wasn't even as bright as an aircraft light!

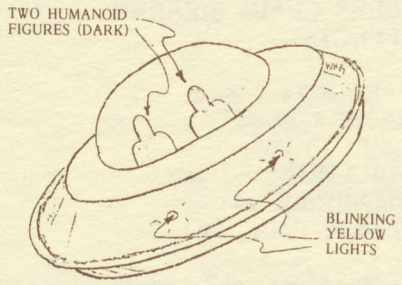
During this period of time, neither the officer nor his department could successfully reach each other by either the low band FM radio in the car or by portable radio; these are normally quite reliable. One woman with whom the officer spoke (whose identity he would not reveal) saw the same light from a nursery to his north, flying north. When it passed over her house, she heard static on her stereo radio; once the light departed from sight, the static was gone. Shaughnessy underwent a lot of ridicule from his own department and was nearly transferred from his park assignment back to headquarters where they could "keep an eye on him"... despite all of the other calls!

Although the weather was described as "clear", one wonders what role something like ball lightning might play in sightings like these.

CALIFORNIA HUMANOIDS?

CASE NO.: 4-3-35
TYPE: CE III
DATE: 8-4-79
TIME: 10:35 PM
DURATION: 5-10 minutes
WITNESSES: 6
PLACE: Canoga Park, CA

This information was provided by UFO researcher Walt Greenawald. A 60-year old woman was babysitting her grandson when the 6-year old boy called her attention to the UFO which was approaching from the clear western sky (Topanga Canyon). When it hovered silently several hundred feet away above an apartment building across the street, it could be resolved as a domed saucer with two humanoid creatures on board. The creatures could be seen to possess over-sized heads, but nothing additional was



Sketch by Greenawald

noted. It tilted to one side, levelled off horizontally again, and flew behind a tree across the street to the west.

STRANGE FORMATION IN WISCONSIN

CASE NO.: 4-3-37
TYPE: NL
DATE: 8-5-79
TIME: 7 PM
DURATION: 6 seconds
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Milwaukee, WI

A 38-year old shipping clerk from Chicago, driving 20 miles to the north of the city, saw five large red lights suddenly appear before his car in the overcast southern sky. They were in a V-formation, four in one row, the fifth forming the other; each seemed as large as a pea attached to his windshield and had a sharply-defined round outline. They moved downward from a position about 45° up and to the right toward the horizon, where they just vanished. The trajectory seemed straight and slow. The witness was puzzled by this, and was certain that other traffic must have seen it. He was wearing glasses as well at the time.

SCIENTISTS CHASE MICHIGAN UFOS?

CASE NO.: 4-3-52
TYPE: NL
DATE: 8-11-79
TIME: 9:41 PM
DURATION: 30 minutes
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Ann Arbor, MI

Witness Sketch

A 27-year old pre-doctoral research scientist in the company of a woman with a B.S. in geology was taking an evening drive 20 miles north of the city in a fairly rural area. The woman noticed what appeared to be lights on top of a tower, yet when they passed them about 1/2-mile away from the intersection of N. Territorial Rd. and Whitmore Lake Rd., there was no tower or structure supporting them. The male scientist, also a pilot, was aware of the area both by air and ground, and knew there was no tower there. The two white lights were apparently stationary, about 300 feet from the road and 500 feet up off the ground. She asked the driver to turn around and go back. A formation of two constant bright white lights and a flashing red light was seen to the west; it seemed like a plane, but very low. As they drove further, a total of three sets of lights were seen heading south, so they turned the car southbound to chase them. One set headed SE over the treetops. One group, hovering in the SW, approached their stopped car but veered off southward 1/4-mile away. They followed it around back to the field again where it hovered over some power lines for about a minute, several hundred feet up.

The couple proceeded to pursue, and be pursued by, the similar formations of lights for 30 minutes. At the intersection of Joy and Whitmore Lake, one set of lights flew directly over them. Both stuck their heads out of the car to look up at it. The woman guessed it to be 1000-1500 feet up, shaped like a plane and making a noise like a jet. The man disagreed, stating that it only made a wind noise and that he could not see a plane's shape. He also said that it had an angular size like 2 or 3 full moons. A large number of lights were

noted, possibly ten, which flashed in no regular pattern.

Could these have been planes or helicopters? Unfortunately, the pilot was so confident that the quiet, low-flying lights were so "different" from conventional aircraft that he decided against calling the local air traffic control to make sure. He also witnessed a sighting from his plane last November, which IUR will detail in a forthcoming "UFO Backlog" section for last year.

COLORADO LANDING

CASE NO.: 4-3-53
TYPE: NL - EM?
DATE: 8-11-79
TIME: 11 PM
DURATION: 5 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: near Wheatridge, CO

Two 18-year olds, a male college student and a female telephone company employee, were sitting in a car, looking at the homes on the base of a small mountain on Soda Creek Road, off I-70. This is a sparsely-populated region, with one home every 1/2-mile. The sky was partly cloudy with the moon covered by clouds. A white light was noticed 2/3 of the way up the mountain, leading them to wonder how a house could be built that high up, where there are no roads. Nor could it be a helicopter, they reasoned; the terrain up there is too steep and rocky, too heavily wooded.

Then the light seemed to grow bigger, 4 times the brightness of the homes down at the base. From a total estimated distance of 1-1/2 miles, the light seemed to become a cluster of four lights with a dark space in the middle. After about 3 minutes, the light source silently rose over the mountaintop, hovered there for 3 seconds, and dropped down behind it. A glow remained over the mountain afterwards.

There was no radio reception in the valley that night, according to the witnesses, concurrent with the event. No additional reports to the state police.

TEENS CLAIM BIZARRE EFFECTS

CASE NO.: 4-3-58
DATE: 8-12-79
TIME: 10 PM
DURATION: 2-3 sec.
WITNESSES: 2+1
PLACE: Rolla, MO

A 16-year old student and cadet commander in the Civil Air Patrol sat in the passenger seat of a car while his 15-year old brother practiced driving it on Highway "V" and St. James, 9 miles west of town in an undeveloped, wooded area. A red light and a blue light came over the car, apparently circling around each other. As the pair rushed westbound in a curve, a whoosh could be heard when they passed over the car. The two lights seemed to blend into one, forming a soft white color. Sparks shot out when this occurred, and the now-single light source, arcing upward, vanished 25° up in the clear western sky. The estimated height, according to the student pilot, was 2000 feet; the speed, he guessed, was about 200 mph. The angular size of the final light was about 1/8 of the moon.

Both boys claimed similar odd sensations following this observation. One said that it seemed as if the air had rushed out of the car. Both said they felt pressed against or "grabbed" against the front seat. They had the feeling that the car was floating, or riding on a glass-smooth road with no bumps, while their chests felt heavy and they felt very warm. They stopped the car and got out to switch places, still feeling as if they were floating. As they proceeded home, the younger brother was crying and shaking. They couldn't hear the engine and the AM radio was producing static. The car seemed to be going very fast and difficulty in steering was noted. These effects, including involuntary body movements, and trouble speaking and breathing, lasted about 10 minutes; yet one of the brothers says that he still finds it "hard to breathe" even thinking about it.

A call by the older brother to the Vichy Airport resulted in the claim that there was no known air traffic in that air at that time. A third brother at home, 9 miles away, claims to have seen the "same" thing from his distant vantage point.

The UFOs for the period from August 15 to September 14 will appear in the next issue.

PROFILE

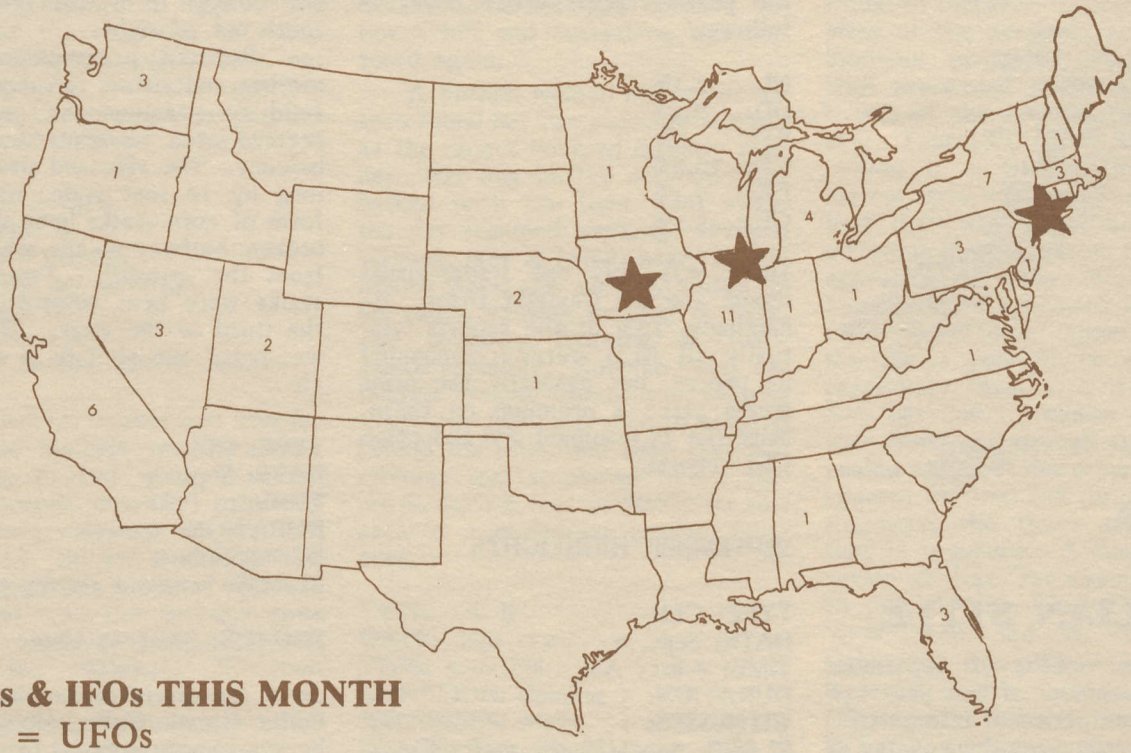
JULY, 1979

UFOs:
NL 2
DD 1
Total Number of Reports... 64
Average Per Day 2.1
Peak Activity (11 cases)...7/14

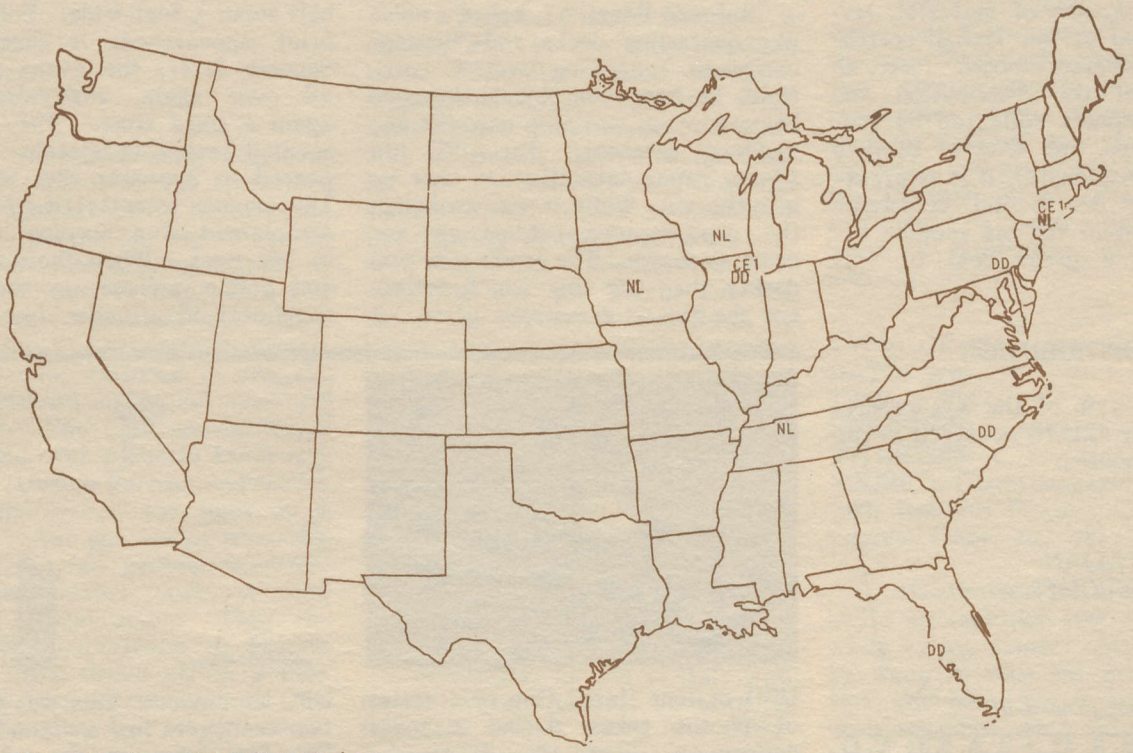
Total Number of UFOs..... 3
UFOs: 5%

Backlogged totals for all of the months of October, 1978 through May of this year will appear in the next issue.

There is a change in the presentation of the IFOs in the uppermost map. The number of "non-UFO" reports will now appear in each state in lieu of the dots used in the past (which interested readers reported were impossible to total!). Until the backlogged UFO reports are brought to bear starting next issue, the map for the year will only reflect the reports from June and July of 1979.



UFOs & IFOs THIS MONTH
Stars = UFOs
Numbers = IFOs



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JUNE & JULY ONLY

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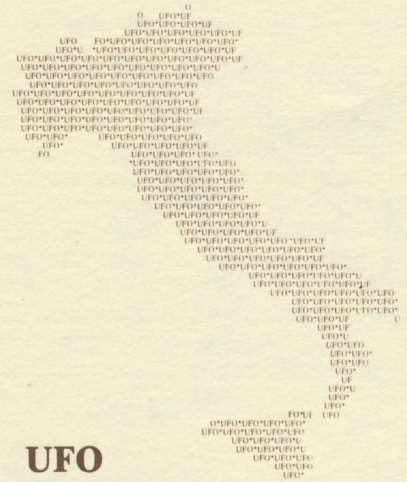


UFO FLAP 1978:

ITALIAN STYLE

The months of September through December of last year saw a remarkable period of intense UFO reporting throughout the country of Italy. Very few of the details of this flap have been printed in a collective way in the U.S. to date. It has taken IUR some time to compile a wealth of material, largely donated by our Italian correspondent, Roberto Pinotti. First, an overview of the distribution and types of reports collected by Pinotti's group, the C.U.N. (Centro Ufologico Nazionale). IUR is greatly indebted to Italian translator Mario Piciniinni for his yeoman efforts with a great deal of this material.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION

A full 77% of the 435 reports collected by C.U.N. occurred in the last four months:

Jan - Dec. 1978

Using the Hynek 6-category system, the year's reports break down as follows:

NL: 72.3%
DD: 2.3%
RV: .2%
CE1: 12.6%
CE2: 7.4%
CE3: 5.1%

There was only one Radar-Visual report and ten Daylight Discs. Amazingly, 12% of the reports (virtually all NLs) were accompanied by photos, but naturally the print media place a premium on these. Note the 22 occupant and abduction CE3 reports.

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

TYPE: CEII
DATE: Sept. 2
TIME: 8-8:15 AM
DURATION: 5 seconds
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: San Michele, western suburb of Alessandria
SOURCE: Stampa Sera newspaper, Flying Saucer Review (Mar. '79)

Roberto Pozzi, 14, heard a noise like quarreling ducks and "hissing" combined. Looking over a cornfield, he saw the object sketched below rise up and stop opposite the mulberry treetops. The UFO fell silent, swung laterally and shot up into the air. While it was swinging, the protuberance bobbed up and down as shown. The lower side was darker than the top, which reflected the sun as a metallic glare. A sparkling dot in the distance now, the oblong form swerved to the south out of sight.

Roberto, accompanied by his mother and sister, ran down to the field to examine the yellow depressed area he spotted from the balcony. The affected site, 22 feet long by 10 feet wide, was in the form of corn stalks bent down, not broken, halfway up the stalk (4 feet from the ground). Two rows of stalks were bent toward the east, the third to the west. The center was holed out as if by a stream of air.

TYPE: CEI
DATE: Sept. 3
TIME: 10 PM
DURATION: seconds
WITNESSES: 4
PLACE: Same as above, 50 meters away
SOURCE: Same as above

A railway level-crossing keeper, Edilia Cresta Gallo, along with 3 local women spotted a strip of white light descend down between the road and the maize field. When close to the ground, the strip became a very bright, rotating fireball about 5 feet wide. Following a brief appearance, it disappeared. Seconds later, the event occurred all over again, and immediately again a third time. The last one seemed larger (3 meters) and appeared to approach the witnesses. The women were terrified and one complained of a burning sensation in her eyes. When their husbands and police arrived on the scene, they noticed an odor like burning

UFO or lens flare? One of a series of photos taken during a lunar eclipse on Sept. 16. That's the moon in the middle, the "domed saucer" to the right.

UFO or model? This was taken by two teenagers in Lanciano at 12:40 PM (date uncertain). The disc allegedly flew from the east toward Gran Sasso in the NW.

electrical wires.

Predictably, a huge crowd turned out the next day to watch for another UFO... predictably, nothing happened. An Italian military corps, the Carabinieiri, prepared a short report on these events.

TYPE: CE II (III?)
DATE: Sept. 6
TIME: Late evening
DURATION: 20 minutes
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Sassello
SOURCE: Secolo XIX newspaper

A "sensible" worker and boarder at the San Michele rooming house was going to bed when he heard strange sounds outside. Opening the bedroom curtains, he saw two round black "things" on the street, close enough to form a figure-8. The sounds were like dialogue over a radio in an "incomprehensible bla, ble, bli, bla" dialogue. The two UFOs departed with a great wind, leaving circular imprints behind.

The next night, many people at the rooming house spotted a large, luminous object overhead, stationary at first, then moving southbound.

TYPE: CE II
DATE: Sept. 7
TIME: 8:40 PM

The next night, many people in the same rooming house spotted a large, luminous object hovering above La Carta. The lights in the hotel dimmed to varying degrees as the light, almost as large as a full moon, hovered motionlessly above the hamlet. The hotel's owner, Piera Viacava, switched on the TV, but the picture and sound were too disturbed. The light moved south and headed over Alborola for a few minutes. Ubaldo Boreani and Marco Baglini approached the light on a motorcycle but got scared when the headlight started getting brighter; when they headed back, it died down to normal again. They related this experience to Franco Viacava, who drove off in a Fiat 500 with two friends toward the light. As they got closer, their engine lost power; with the gas pedal floored, they could only go 15 mph in second gear. Their radio and tape player also malfunctioned briefly, until the light dropped below a hill and everything was restored again.

A French woman driving in the area found her car suddenly stopped as the object hovered directly over her. Her dog sniffed nervously and barked until the light went away; the car resumed working. Franco Viacava, now at home, heard an odd hissing sound and echoing voices on his radio, causing his dog to bark. The following morning, it functioned normally. Roberto Boeri and friends headed toward the vicinity where the light was seen to descend behind the hills, and they find two circular tracks, placed like a figure-8, each 6 feet in diameter; this area is a motocross ground, however.

TYPE: CE II
DATE: Sept. 13
TIME: 9:30 PM
DURATION: Brief
WITNESSES: Many
PLACE: Spinetta Marengo, east of Alessandria
SOURCE: Flying Saucer Review (as above)

Angelo Ciompi watched a reddish disc in the clear eastern sky. The disc halted abruptly, dropped down and was lost from sight behind some houses. A column of flames then rose up from the spot. Rushing to the scene, Ciompi joined others to watch a fire blazing in the brushwood-covered wasteland. Alessandria firemen put out the blaze, but the scene was reportedly overflown by lights that night which swooped down to the site and disappeared vertically again.

TYPE: NL
DATE: Sept. 14
TIME: 6 AM
DURATION: 3-5 minutes
WITNESSES: Hundreds
PLACE: All of Italy
SOURCE: Several Italian papers

Seemingly, no one in Italy who was awake and outside at dawn on this date missed seeing this phenomenon, making it the most publicized single event in this flap. IUR has two dozen separate accounts of the event, from Sicily to Rome to Florence to northern Italy. Most of the accounts agree that a luminous projectile with a fiery trail proceeded northbound up the length of the country in the dawn sky. That UFOlogists in Italy are calling it a UFO rather than a meteor arises from a few accounts that have the form moving in a different direction from the rest, or appearing to stop briefly before moving on, or appearing in different cities in different times. Indeed, the times relayed to the Italian press vary from 5:30 AM to 6:45 AM, but IUR's previous experience with American fireball sightings revealed identical discrepancies in estimates of time and direction. Furthermore, the times are inconsistent in sequence. A Roman observation at 5:45, for example, seems to precede the Florentine paper's "6:06" well, but an observer in Calenzano (near Florence) deemed it to be "6:45"... and so on. IUR has a letter from a correspondent in Libya, across the Mediterranean, who witnessed the same thing at around 5:50 AM, attesting to the high altitude involved.

Some observers watched the main body ("disc-shaped", "triangle-shaped", "half-moon-shaped", and even "cigar-shaped") split up into two bodies. Some noted two luminous "extensions" at right angles to the body, and many saw color changes. Meteor or not, the sight was sufficient to panic fishermen in Sasso di Bordighera into jumping into the water!

TYPE: CE III
DATE: Sept. 17
TIME: 9 PM
DURATION: 2 minutes
WITNESSES: 1
SOURCE: Gente magazine (Nov. 18, '78), Roberto PInotti, C.U.N., Eva Express (Sept. 20, '78)

Hairdresser Rivo Faralli, 25, heard an explosion like a rifle shot while eating dinner. Around 8 PM, he went to visit his mother, Santina, and found her in the company of a neighbor, Mrs. Ultimina Buscagli and her son, Riccardo, 12. Rivo's mother also heard the noise on the other side of town, accom-

Rivo Faralli & his description of the humanoids

The burned trace in the road

The curve of the road where the UFO came down

panied by a room-filling flash of light. Her TV and lights went out. Both Buscaglis had seen an illuminated circular object in the sky, red on the bottom, orange on top. Rivo laughed off the incident and headed back.

Rivo drove his Fiat 127 several yards, at which point it abruptly stalled, the motor and lights dying. The driver felt paralyzed as he watched a domed disc colored the way the Buscaglis described come near and float down inches above the ground. The dome opened upward slowly and two beings emerged, three and half feet tall. They approached the car by floating four inches above the ground. The two small UFOnauts wore green one-piece suits; their helmets had clear visors and two small spiralling antennas. Their faces looked like green-skinned skulls through the visors, with large, deep eye sockets.

Paralyzed yet conscious, Rivo watched the beings make a full circle around the car without a noise or gesture. They returned to their craft, giving Rivo one last look. The UFO rose vertically several yards, seemingly propelled by three red, orange and blue colored beams, and shot off horizontally. One account had Rivo hear a thunderclap and see a flash as the UFO disappeared.

According to Pinotti, the Fiat then started on its own, a rare but not unprecedented interference effect. Rivo returned home, pale and shaken. He couldn't relate the event to his wife for an hour, and couldn't eat or sleep well for days. The following day, he went back to the street where it all happened, the via Pie agli Orti, and found three burn marks in the unasphalted road of 20-inch diameter. Digging into the ground with his hands, he found the earth carbonized to a depth of 8 inches. Samples of the trace area were taken by Pinotti to the EURATOM labs at Ispra. It was determined that the road material had been burned by a temperature less than 500° C and not via a bonfire or common hydrocarbon fuels.

The Carabinieiri inquired into the matter, and deemed Rivo Faralli to be a "serious and reliable person". He suffered no physical problems except for some burning in his eyes. He feels that there is something totally personal within him that has changed, but he can't express what. A marble worker claims to have seen a similar disc three days before, and power failures on the evening of the landing were reported.

Faralli laments the notoriety he has received. Police, UFOlogists, reporters, photographers and doctors have all approached him... even a hypnotist. Mrs. Faralli stated that there have even been classroom trips to the site.

TYPE: DD
DATE: Sept. 20
TIME: 5:30-8:30 PM
DURATION: 1 hour per location
WITNESSES: Hundreds
PLACE: Tuscany province (Florence, Pisa, Empoli, Greve, Prato)
SOURCE: La Nazione newspaper (Sept. 21), Oriani Fallaci (via Rizzoli Corp.)

One week after the fireball that generated so many sightings came another mass sighting of a white, roughly-triangular form in a daylight sky. It moved almost imperceptibly toward the NE, by all accounts. Changing color to red at the end, the huge form seemed to rise and depart.

Given the appearance in the photo sent to IUR by the well-known Italian reporter, Oriani Fallaci, coupled with the flight characteristics, it's easy to agree with the conclusion of the Arcetri Observatory's Dr. Calamai: a large sounding balloon. The mystery is that no one has announced credit for such a launch. Our check with the NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Studies) was of little

help here as they do not keep track of foreign launches.

TYPE: CE III
DATE: Sept. 21
TIME: 7:40 PM
DURATION: 50 minutes?
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Cosenza
SOURCE: C.U.N.

A young male was walking home through a large excavation yard when the area suddenly lit up like daylight. Nearby buildings could no longer be seen. A colored oval appeared on a hill and a human form with two antennas was standing on it. The lad tried to flee in fear, but stumbled and fell to the ground. Four beings approached him jerkily and he fainted. He awoke to find them surrounding him, dressed in helmets with aerials, white buttoned jackets, rucksacks, and blue pants. The 5-foot tall beings made gestures to each other with their pincer-like hands. The witness tried to attack them but couldn't even touch them, and he fainted again. When he recovered at 8:30 PM, nothing remained. A nearby house underwent a lighting failure that same hour.

TYPE: NL
DATE: Sept. 21
TIME: 8 PM
DURATION: 3 minutes
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: over Piacenza
SOURCE: the La Stampa newspaper (Sept. 22)

Lt. Col. Giulio Mainini, commander of the 21st Fighter Squadron at Cameri Air Force Base, was on a flight mission in an F-104 jet fighter heading south. Before arriving at Genova, he veered to his left toward Piacenza and spotted an intensely bright point which seemed to enlarge and approach him. After three minutes, it disappeared.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

THE ADRIATIC TRIANGLE: WHALES OR SUBMERGED UFOS?

Some unusual marine events in the Adriatic sea were quickly tied in to the UFO flap by the Italian press. Magazines like L'Espresso and Gente made mention of a column of water rising from the sea four miles out of Pedaso. Federicco Ricci, 35, and his son, Gabriele, 17, estimated the column to have hovered 100 feet high by 15 feet wide for a few seconds before falling fanlike back into the sea, leaving a large area of foam. The weather was clear and calm that morning, and the column of water was only about 500 feet away from them, yet there was no undertow. The two fishermen were to see this phenomenon again on the 23rd, along with another boat, the Patrizia, a little south of the first one.

The next day, at 11 AM, two more fishermen reported seeing a dark body longer than their boat emerge from the sea and stay afloat for 30 seconds before disappearing again. The idea of a whale or a submarine was discounted because of the shallowness of the water. On October 26, the crew of the Triglia spotted a third column of water, and also caught sight of the mysterious dark body in the sea again. Its rapid re-emergence into the depths caused the boat to list. Also on the 26th, Capt. Merlini of the Nello saw the sea divided as if by a very fast phantom motorboat. Add to this the mysterious deaths at sea of two fishermen, Gianfranco and Vittorio DeFulgentis on Oct. 12. The men died in a very calm sea in the vicinity of the water columns and dark bodies, where their boat submerged. Thus was born the "Adriatic Triangle" and the speculative "extraterrestrial" connections with the UFO flap.

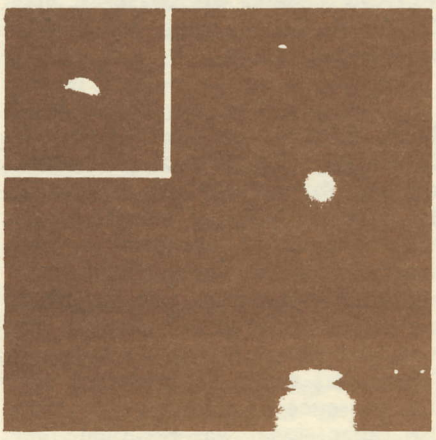
TYPE: DD
DATE: Oct. 22
TIME: 4:30 PM
DURATION: unstated
WITNESSES: 1
SOURCE: the Il Mattino newspaper, Oct. 23 & 24

Antonino Palumbo, professor of meteorology and oceanography and director of the Naples Meteorological Observatory, observed a very luminous, spindle-shaped object flying east to west across a clear sky. Guessing the altitude to be on the order of 50,000 feet, he saw the object make sudden vertical and horizontal deviations in its flight. It left no trail and no tail could be seen on the form. The professor had already spotted the one plane that regularly flew across the Naples sky from Palermo just prior to this, but he called the airport to be sure. No plane was in the sky at that time.

Later that night at 7 PM, a student in the same city reported a zigzagging light emitting red and green colors coming from the sea.

TYPE: CE III
DATE: Oct. 25
TIME: shortly after 5 AM
DURATION: 15 minutes
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Tagliacozzo, near the Adriatic
SOURCE: Oggi magazine (as above), C.U.N., Il Resto del Carlino newspaper (Nov. 27, 1978)

Giuseppe Di Giovanni, an uncultured and semi-literate farmer, 51, was in search of a stray



Diego Cecamore, 28, was returning home from the theater in Pescara and admiring the moon over the sea when he claimed to have seen this domed disc and ran for a camera. The disc purportedly remained motionless for 3 minutes before disappearing. Still, the oblong shape of the moon (seen best in enlargements) coupled with the centering of the camera on the scenery forces one to wonder if the image isn't a lens flare (with inversion symmetry)... with the "sighting" coming afterward.

cow on the hills of San Donato di Tagliacozzo, 4 miles from his home. Coming into an open field, the farmer spotted a light brown object in the shape of an enormous shoe shine can, except that it was all round. The object was about 10 feet across, 5 feet high and surrounded by windows, somewhat circular and 8 inches high. Approaching within about 3 feet, he could see 6 or 7 beings inside, small humanoids, both male and female. The women were blonde, had "beautiful" pink skin and smiled at him. The men were uglier, dark and elderly; they did not turn around and look. They were dressed in green and wore hats like the Pope ("When in Rome, ...??). Pinotti points out that a similar CE III case was reported in Imjarvi, Finland from Jan. 7, 1970 where Papal hats were also worn.

Di Giovanni did not try to touch the craft. Frightened, he went behind a bush far removed from the UFO and rubbed his eyes. Looking back, the object was gone from view.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

More peculiar sea wakes and shipboard radar interferences in the Adriatic occurred this month.

TYPE: NL
DATE: Nov. 3
TIME: 4 AM
DURATION: 2 hours
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: At sea, near San Benedetto del Tronto
SOURCE: Oggi magazine (Dec. 2), Gente magazine (same date)

Fisherman Antonio Pallesca caught sight of a reddish light at sea following his boat. Frightened, he drew up his nets and directed his ship towards land. The light stayed with him, first behind him, then beside him, then in front of him. As it circled around his boat, he couldn't discern it as anything but a light. It left him shortly before he arrived in port. On Nov. 7, he had another run-in with an orange light and a dark floating object. Pallesca has been a seafarer for 30 years.

TYPE: NL - EM?
DATE: Nov. 6-7
TIME: "night"
DURATION: Unstated
WITNESSES: 4+
SOURCE: Gente magazine (Dec. 2)

Roberto Cichella, owner of the "Igea" fishing boat, saw a reddish flash or streak rise into the sky. At the same instant, his ship's radar stopped functioning. He radioed Giorgio Mazzoni who was following him in his own boat. Mazzoni turned on his own radar and saw that the radar line (indicating the axis of his boat) was fragmented into seven or eight segments. Both men also refer to an area of churning sea in front of the coastal area between Silvi and Giulianova.

At 2 AM, two miles off the coast of Grottammare, fisherman Antonio Pallesca watched a very vivid orange light with a white light "a few meters below at eye level". He watched them for about ten minutes before heading back due to storm warnings and fear of a very large, dark, floating object a few meters away from him. Also on the 7th, Gioacchino Merlini of the "Andre Padre", in the company of his crew, noted an unprecedented triangular signal on radar which split up into many small rays. The signal was seemingly from 80 miles away, which, if real, would be inland over the Sibillini mountains.

TYPE: NL - EM?
DATE: Nov. 9
TIME: 8:45 PM
DURATION: 3-4 seconds
WITNESSES: 3
PLACE: 5 miles off coast of Silvi
SOURCE: Gente, Oggi, and Il Messagero magazines

The crew of an Italian Navy boat, CP2018, set out to sea to investigate the unusual phenomena reported by the Adriatic fishermen. Its captain, Nello di Valentino, saw with two other crewmen a very intense reddish light about 1000 meters off the prow rise rapidly to an estimated height of 300-400 meters and disappear toward the east. There was some disagreement over the presence of a blue smoke trail. No radar signal was returned.

At the precise instant of the sighting, communications with the Pescara Naval authorities were extremely disturbed. They were restored three minutes later. The idea of an emergency flare was ruled out, as was the presence of a normal submarine with the water depth being 23 meters. No traces were found in the area. Naval authorities openly conjectured about espionage as a cause of the strange sightings and interferences.

TYPE: CE II
DATE: Nov. 12
TIME: 1:30 AM
DURATION: Unstated
WITNESSES: 1+3
PLACE: Saluzzo
SOURCE: C.U.N.

Roberto Comba was driving home when he saw a yellow "meteor" soon hovering near his car and lighting up all the area. It could be resolved as domed, yellow-red, with four bright "legs" and lights. Frightened, he hit the gas for home.

The "meteor" was seen to fall on Saluzzo by three independent witnesses at Savigliano and Villastellone. The radio in Comba's car was playing a tape at the time. When he rushed away from the scene, he instinctively turned the music up louder. The following day, the tape recorder was not working though the radio was, and the car was said to be magnetized in a strange fashion.

TYPE: NL
DATE: Nov. 12
TIME: 7:30 PM
DURATION: Unstated
WITNESSES: 8
PLACE: Rome
SOURCE: Il Messagero newspaper (Nov. 22)

Six air traffic control operators and two military personnel of the Italian Air Force watched a large, red-orange globe fly silently west to east across runway #1 of the Fiumicino Airport. The globe was one of three which descended down toward the ground. It disappeared off the eastern horizon before it posed a threat to descending aircraft. Capt. Alberto Bottai, vice-secretary of the professional asso-

ciation of air traffic controllers, stated that there was no radar confirmation of the incident but he acknowledged the competance of the eyewitnesses.

TYPE: NL - EM?
DATE: Nov. 18
TIME: 3:30 AM
DURATION: Unstated
WITNESSES: 3
SOURCE: Oggi magazine (Dec. 2)

Franco Alimonti, a 31-year old carpenter, was out with two friends trying out a new CB-radio. They heard a noise like a harvester or reaper, observed the radio go off by itself and the three were struck by a glaring red light from above. Alimonti decided it was time to get away fast, so he started the car. At that moment, the three noticed that the car had moved some 20 meters from the spot where they had parked without realizing it; also, ther car was pointing in the opposite direction. As the light started waning and disappearing, Alimonti was certain he saw a sphere heading away.

TYPE: NL
DATE: Nov. 19
TIME: 7 PM
DURATION: 1 minute
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Rozzano, near Milano
SOURCE: Direct letter

12-year old Cristiana Piccoli looked out her window to the WNW and saw a greenish light heading northward, faster than an aircraft. Turning out the lights and calling for her girlfriend, they watched it advance and change to a blue/white (and other colors) intermittently. About 30 seconds later, a second intermittent yellow light appeared and was on a collision course with the first light. Before this could occur, the bluish light accelerated out of the way. Moments later, this blue light source shot a coherent orange beam straight through the yellow light, resulting in a flash; the yellow light then disappeared! The blue light continued on its way northward, rising and dropping in altitude.

A third stationary light was noted in the NW before this "battle". Afterwards, it started moving after the blue light and disappeared.

TYPE: CEI
DATE: Nov. 24
TIME: Early morning
DURATION: 1 minute
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: San Martino countryside, near Atri
SOURCE: the Il Resto del Carlino newspaper

Farmer Gabrielle Savini went to the stable to feed his animals when he saw a disc landing slowly near his house, stopping a few meters from the ground. Savini instinctively pointed his pitchfork against the disc... and fainted.

Later that night about 7 PM, three others in the same area noticed a luminous red-orange globe pass from behind a mountain in the distance; it stopped for a moment and continued rapidly toward Giulianova.

NEXT MONTH IN PART 2:

Highlights of the peak month of the Italian flap - December, 1978 - including a fascinating abduction account of a security guard.

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sixty researchers, mostly Ph.D.'s, were invited to write papers, and only the best entries were selected for this premiere issue.

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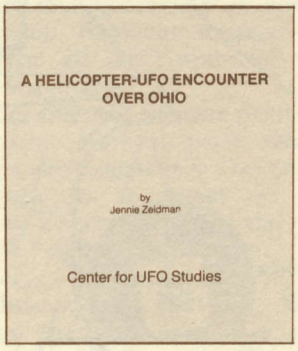

The most complete report on the now-classic Coyne case by its most determined investigator. The testimonies of the four crewmen and the ground witnesses are contained herein, with similarities and discrepancies noted. There is also discussion of the radio malfunction, the "spinning" compass and similar events that occurred on the same evening. Finally, in the appendix, there are copies of the actual operational hazard form filled out by the crew, newspaper clippings of the event, and a verbatim transcript of Coyne's speech to the U.N.

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UFO IMPACT:
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THE GSW vs. CIA LAWSUIT

Readers of our August, 1978 issue will recall that the CIA had until mid-December of last year to produce all of its UFO-related documents in the GSW (Ground Saucer Watch) vs. Central Intelligence Agency lawsuit, by order of U.S. District Court Judge John Pratt. CIA Information & Privacy Coordinator Gene F. Wilson indicated that he was reviewing about 1000 pages of CIA material that had been unearthed. Brad Sparks (of GSW's offshoot organization, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy - CAUS) predicted that the material would primarily consist of sighting reports from the Air Force, Navy and CIA.

By a covering letter sent December 14, 1978, the CIA released some 340 of its own UFO-related documents - 900 pages in all - to GSW as the result of Civil Action No. 78-859, filed in U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C. The letter, signed by the CIA's Information & Privacy Coordinator, George Owens, stated that 57 documents were being withheld in their entirety pursuant to exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act. Also, 196 documents that originated from other agencies had been forwarded to them for response to GSW. The agencies involved:

- Air Force: 76
- State Dept.: 41
- Army: 30
- Defense Intelligence Agency: 19
- National Security Agency: 18
- Navy: 11
- National Archives: 1

Following the delivery of the documents to GSW's legal attorney, Peter Gersten (of Rothblatt, Rothblatt, Seijas & Peskin, a prestigious New York law firm), the U.S. attorney revealed that the CIA wanted a two-month extension with which to prepare affidavits describing its search of files, deletions made via FOIA exemptions, and withheld documents. The extension was granted by Judge John Pratt to the CIA without granting an opportunity to GSW's counsel to oppose the motion.

When the deadline arrived, the CIA claimed that events in the Middle East would prevent them from meeting the deadline. Indeed, it wasn't until the end of February that the agency released some 200 supplementary pages of documents.

Some observers of the suit feel that the Agency carefully released only those documents that would generate a negative portrayal of the UFO phenomenon. GSW & CAUS members are convinced that the only documents that get released are the ones for which an FOIA defendent reveals sufficient awareness of existence. Nonetheless, GSW feels successful about its strategy to reveal that the CIA had used domestic agents to collect UFO data. By charter and by law, the CIA is strictly forbidden from engaging in domestic intelligence activities not related to foreign targets. GSW had two individuals, Ralph Mayher and Richard Hall, standing by to testify in court that they had been contacted by domestic CIA agents as sources of UFO data.

Furthermore, GSW has sought to demonstrate discrepancies in the CIA's search of its files.

- Brad Sparks of CAUS has compiled a list of over 200 documents that are directly referenced in the material released but remain totally unaccounted for.
- While 41 CIA components were purportedly subjected to a de novo search, only four components yielded UFO-related documents. One of the missing groups was the CIA's Operations Center, yet Todd Zechel of GSW & CAUS* possesses a number of messages and memos released by other agencies showing that this group received and sent UFO "traffic"... in particular, material concerning the 1975 SAC base overflights.

What kind of revelations do the released documents provide? One interesting way to approach this question is to demonstrate the manner in which the documents refute long-held premises about the government's involvement in UFOs:

PREMISE: "At no time prior to the formation of the Robertson Panel (Jan. '53) and at no time subsequent to the issuance of

* Zechel is no longer with these groups

the Panel's report has the CIA engaged in the study of the UFO phenomena."

-- letter to GSW's director, William Spaulding, from a CIA Information & Privacy Coordinator.

REFUTATION:

PRIOR TO THE PANEL -

"In the past several weeks, a number of radar and visual sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported. Although this office maintained a continuing review of such reputed sightings during the past three years, a special study group has been formed to review this subject to date. O/CI will participate in this study with O/SI and report should be ready August 15, 1952." -- Memo from Ralph L. Clark, Acting Asst. Director/SI to the Dep. Director of Intelligence.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE PANEL -

"SUBJECT: Responsibility for 'Unidentified Flying Objects'...

1. In accordance with Reference 1, this Division has assumed responsibility within OSI (Office of Scientific Intelligence) for Non--Conventional Types of Air Vehicles...

e. A chronological file of all OSI correspondence and action taken in connection with the United States UFO program will be maintained in ASD..."

-- Memo of Feb. 9, 1956 from W.E. Lexow, Chief, Applied Science Division, SI

PREMISE: The CIA has never taken the UFO issue seriously.

"Recent reports reaching CIA indicated that further action was desirable and another briefing by the cognizant A-2 and ATIC personnel was held on November 25. At this time, the reports of incidents convince us that there is something going on that must have immediate attention. The details of some of these incidents have been discussed by AD/SI with DDCI. Sightings of unexplained objects at great altitudes and travelling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles." -- H. Marshall Chadwell, Asst. Director, Scientific Intelligence to the Director of Central Intelligence, Dec. 2, 1952.

PREMISE: It is not CIA policy to cover-up or debunk UFOs.

"It is strongly urged, however, that no indication of CIA interest or concern reach the press or public, in view of their probable alarmist tendencies to accept such interest as 'confirmatory' of the soundness of 'unpublished facts' in the hands of the U.S. Government." -- Edward Tauss, Aug. 1, 1952, to the Deputy Asst. Director/SI

"The Panel's concept of a broad educational program integrating efforts of all concerned agencies was that it should have two major aims: training and 'debunking'... The 'debunking' aim would result in reduction in public interest in "flying saucers" which today evokes a strong psychological reaction." -- comments and suggestions of the CIA-sponsored Robertson Panel.

PREMISE: The CIA has good reasons, in the national interest, for withholding UFO-related materials.

The original form of the GSW lawsuit was limited to the release of five documents referring to the CIA's contact with UFO witness Ralph Mayher. In March of 1976, the Agency admitted that it possessed all five of these documents, but only two were releasable... after 70% of both had been deleted. The CIA stated it was because of the classified nature of the material, that intelligence sources and methods would be revealed. Yet when GSW filed a lawsuit for the release of the documents, all five were handed over on Dec. 15, 1978 with only minor deletions. This implies that the CIA's original reasons for exemptions were rather capricious and arbitrary.

Ralph Mayher had shot a 16-mm movie film of a purported UFO on July 29, 1952. The CIA's Cleveland Contact Division learned of the film through a newspaper article on November 6, 1957. Actually, the film had already been turned over by Mayher to the Marines. It eventually was transferred to the Air Force Intelligence at the Pentagon by a Major William Frazier... and that's the last anyone ever saw of it. It most certainly is not in the National Archives despite the claims that all UFO material was surrendered there.

Mayher did still possess prints of several film frames made during the film's development. The prints were given to an agent of the Cleveland Contact Office the day after the 1957 article ran. In December, a different agent returned them with no analysis. Mayher asked the CIA agent for permission to state that the CIA had shown an interest in his films. This was denied; Mayher was told to keep the Agency's involvement a secret.

PREMISE: It's foolish to believe that the CIA has any interest in monitoring the civilian UFO groups.

"The Panel took cognizance of the existence of such groups as the 'Civilian Flying Saucer Investigators' and the 'Aerial Phenomena Research Organization'. It was believed that such groups should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur. The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind." -- comments and suggestions of Robertson UFO Panel members, Jan. 17, 1953 (sponsored by the CIA).

On January 19, 1965, an OSI officer called the Washington-area Domestic Contact Service office and requested agent Al Coleman to obtain UFO reports from the civilian group NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Coleman met with the Assistant Director, Richard Hall, who gave the agent sighting reports from the Washington, D.C. area. Hall later provided the CIA with

more reports. All of these were returned without comment weeks later. Documents released to GSW indicate that the CIA was considering making Hall a full-time source on UFOs with a security clearance.

PREMISE: The National Security Agency (NSA) does not possess classified UFO information.

Roy Banner, Chief, Policy Staff, National Security Agency, wrote to GSW's attorney, Peter Gersten, on January 9, 1979 about the 18 UFO reports the CIA returned to NSA. "We cannot provide you access to, or release a copy of, the information because it is classified and therefore exempt from access or release pursuant to Title 5 USC 552 (b) (1)...".

PREMISE: It's foolish to think that the CIA would consider manipulating the UFO phenomenon as a psychological weapon.

"With world-wide sightings reported... there had been in the Soviet press no report or comment, even satirical, on flying saucers... With a State-controlled press, this could result only from an official policy decision. The question, therefore, arises as to whether or not these sightings:

(1) could be controlled,
(2) could be predicted, and
(3) could be used from a psychological warfare point of view, either offensively or defensively.

The public concern with the phenomena, which is reflected both in the United States press and in the pressure of inquiry upon the Air Force, indicates that a fair proportion of our population is mentally conditioned to the acceptance of the incredible. In this fact lies the potential for the touching-off of mass hysteria and panic...

... A study should be instituted to determine what, if any, utilization could be made of these phenomena by United States psychological warfare planners and what, if any, defenses should be planned in anticipation of Soviet attempts to utilize them." -- H. Marshall Chadwell, Asst. Director, Scientific Intelligence, Sept. 24, 1952.

In addition, there is a wealth of domestic and foreign UFO sightings among the hundreds of documents that date all the way up through recent times. Why is the CIA filing these, one may ask, if the government is "through" with UFOs?

To be sure, the GSW suit has yielded more paydirt than many would have believed. GSW hopes to be able to similarly pursue the Air Force and other government agencies for their UFO documents. This does not mean, however, that GSW enjoys smooth procedural sailing. When Larry Bryant of CAUS tried to selectively request some CIA/RCMP UFO information, he found the lawsuit used against him as a bureaucratic weapon; George Owens of the CIA informed him that this information was a component of the general UFO files search which is now under litigation. Furthermore, the Agency wanted to charge Bryant $130 just to look up "Adamski, George" information from their index file and copy it.

Because of the slow release of information and the continuing contradictions in the CIAs file search claims, Gersten was compelled to file a "Notice of Motion for an Order Adjudging Defendent (CIA) and its Employee in Civil Contempt." Unsympathetic, the judge sided with the CIA's counter-motion that Gersten be restricted to filing a statement "reflecting what, if any, withheld documents are still being sought?". Gersten has issued a "Reply to (the U.S. Attorney's) Opposition to File Out of Time" on June 18, 1979. "Defendent's affidavits did not detail 'all materials withheld' ... Plaintiff cannot possibly file a statement 'reflecting what, if any, withheld documents are still being sought' when the defendent has not complied with the Stipulation and Order." Gersten has also informed the judge that he can prove that the CIA never intended to conduct a de novo files search, and that they still have a considerable amount of UFO documents they haven't acknowledged withholding.

IUR will present future updates as, or if, the GSW suit progresses.

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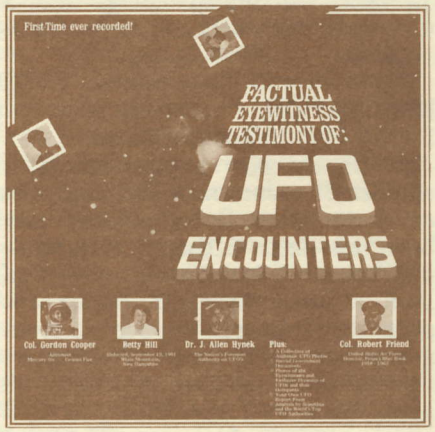

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This year's Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) UFO Symposium was the tenth of its kind. It took place at the Airport Marina Hotel in Burlingame, California near San Francisco on July 7-8. Eleven of the papers were published as proceedings. Copies of these are available for $8.00 from MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, Texas 78155, but IUR would like to present brief summaries of three of the presentations:

THE RELIGIOUS DIMENSION TO THE UFO PHENOMENON
by Ted Peters

Peters considered the spiritual facet of UFOlogy from four angles:

- Transcendence: modern man is fooling himself if he thinks we no longer believe the sky is holy, and UFOs are the residents of a sky that now extends to outer space. That the UFOs in Spielberg's "Close Encounters" could control the sky they flew in (fomenting clouds, lightning flashes and thunder) marked them as the new technological counterparts of Thor and Zeus.
- Omniscience: UFOs not only reflect advanced technological knowledge, but intimate knowledge of, say, contactees' personal lives. UFOs as 20th C. guardian angels?
- Perfection: Saucers were Carl Jung's round symbol of perfection. We associate technological advance with moral advance and assume that UFOnauts are closer to the final stage of moral development than we are.
- Redemption: The messages of the UFOnauts, "relayed" to us by the contactees, underscore the belief that UFOs are the technological Messiah necessary to save us when we seem helpless to save ourselves.

UFOs & religion: if you can't beat 'em...? Shreveport, Louisiana

Peters stated that there was no conflict between belief in the Church and extraterrestrial life. He referred to statements by Catholic, Jesuit and Protestant writers who asserted that there was no threat to the formal structure of those religions in the event of contact with another world. Whether UFOs are real or not, the "messages" of peace and nuclear disarmament were seen by Peters to be good, regardless of the source; but he cautions against UFO idolatry, the elevation of technology to resolve social and spiritual ills.

CONTACTEES, CULTS AND CULTURE
by David Stupple and William McNeece

The authors present a structure for UFO cults:

- a mystagogue leader such as contactee George Adamski
- an "epistemic community", which replaces "religious experience" for "common sense" as a mental home base
- a "seedbed subculture", composed of three types of individuals from a larger occult community: hard core devotees, occult dilettantes and curiosity seekers. UFOs are associated freely with other anomalies like telepathy, monsters, and geologic wonders.
- skilled and motivated personnel.

Stupple and McNeece presented the history of a specific Detroit cult called the Institute for Cosmic Research, which revolved around a mystagogue whose contact with the Space Brothers began when they returned a rocket he had launched into the stratosphere. The mystagogue, named "Gordon", represented the earth at Intergalactic Council meetings on Io, one of Jupiter's moons.

The cult had three subcultures: a technical group who worked on constructing a spaceship called the "Bluebird", a religious group who depended on Gordon for their portrayal of reality, and an occult group tied into Gordon's philosophies. The cult survived for seven years as the needs of the organization's members were met, and internal problems were contained, largely through the segregation of the three subcultures. Although the technicians and occultists were the most commonly aligned groups when all three met, the religious definition of the situation prevailed. Finally, the tensions, and disenchantment about the Bluebird resulted in the cult's downfall.

NEWSPAPERS AND UFOS
by Walter Greenawald

The author reviewed 759 newspaper articles for 1975-6 and arrived at these conclusions:

- UFO types by classification from newspaper articles ran as follows (excluding 122 accounts with insufficient information or explanations):
  NL- 82.9%
  DD- 4.5%
  RV- 0%
  CE1- 6.3%
  CE2- 4.2%
  CE3- 2.1%
- Wyoming and Montana papers yielded the largest rate of sightings per year per million population. Indeed, a flap may have occurred in these states in the last several months of 1975.
- Similarly, the majority of new UFO sightings came from small towns. Large city papers were more anti-UFO in their policies and rarely reported local events.

COMING:

- LAB TESTS ON THE MINNESOTA CE II CASE
- PART II: THE ITALIAN FLAP - DECEMBER
- FOUR MIDWEST CASES RELATED TO THE MINNESOTA CASE!
- ABDUCTIONS IN FLORIDA, TEXAS, VIRGINIA... AND ILLINOIS?
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